Fire Works Industry of Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu employs a large number of child workers. Authentic data which is available through census does not give an exact number of child workers employed in this industry. However, assessments made by the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu places the figures of child workers in this industry between 45,000 and 80,000.

(c) Employment of children in manufacturing of matches explosives and fire works is prohibited under the Child Labour (P&R) Act, 1986. Enforcement of laws pertaining to prohibition of child labour has been stepped up in the Sivakasi area. Under the National Labour Project taken up in Sivakasi in 1988, 18 Special Schools are presently being run covering 1800 children withdrawn from work in this sector. The project is being extended to cover an additional 1000 children during the current year. The Government of Tamil Nadu have initiated a five year project in collaboration with UNICEF for elimination of child labour in Sivakasi.

अखिल भारतीय स्तर के श्रम संगठन

4348. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय अखिल भारतीय स्तर पर कितने श्रम संगठन हैं, जिन्हें सरकार द्वारा मान्यता प्रदान की गई है; और

(ख) उपर्युक्त प्रत्येक श्रम संगठन की सदस्य संख्या कितनी-कितनी है?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) और (ख) 31-12-1980 को गणना की तारीख मानकर आयोजित पिछले सामान्य सत्यापन के आधार पर विभिन्न राष्ट्रीय तथा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलनों, समितियों, परिषदों, मजदूरी बोर्डों आदि में निम्नलिखित केन्द्रीय व्यवसाय संघ संगठनों को प्रतिनिधित्व दिया जाता है । 31-12-1980 को स्थिति के अनुसार उनको सत्यापित सदस्यता उनके नामों के सामने दर्शायी गयी है :—

क्रम संख्या	केन्द्रीय संगठन का नाम	31-12-1980 की स्थिति के अनुसार सत्यापित सदस्यता
1	2	3
1.	आई०एन०टी०यू०सी	22,36,128
2.	बी० एम० एस०	12,11,345
3.	एच०एम०एस०	7,62,882
4.	यू०टी०यू०सी० (एल०एस०)	6,21,359
5.	एन०एल०ओ०	2,46,540
6.	यू०टी०यू०सी०	1,65,614
7.	टी०यू०सी०सी०	1,23,048
8.	एन०एफ०आई०टी०यू०	84,123
9.	ए०आई०टी०यू०सी०	3,44,746
10.	सी०आई०टी०यू०	3,31,031
	कुल	61,26,816

ESI Hospitals in Orissa

4349. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of ESI Hospitals in Orissa and the location thereof;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to upgrade some ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries in that State;

(c) if so, the ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries in that State identified therefor; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) There are four ESI Hospitals one each at Kansbahal, Choudwar, Jaykaypur and Brajrajnagar in Orissa. The ESI Corporation has also commissioned two ESI Annexes one each at Choudwar and Rajgangapur.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

ESI Hospitals in Tamil Nadu

4350. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the existing ESI Hospitals in Tamil Nadu are adequate to cater to the needs of the labour force in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to open new ESI Hospitals in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An ESI Hospital (50 bedded) at Hosur is under construction. Opening of new hospitals at Metturdam (50 beds), Trichirapally (50 beds), Tuticorin (50 beds), and Ranipet (50 beds) have been agreed to in principle.

Right to hire and Fire Employees

4351. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of employees including prospective entrepreneurs have demanded right to hire and fire employees in their industrial establishments in view of liberalised policy adopted by Government ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government propose to accept the demand of the employees ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d) Employees have not demanded the right to hire and fire employees in their industrial establishments. However, several employers have pointed out that some of the provisions in the existing industrial labour laws constitute restrictions on the discretion of employers to effect manpower adjustments where they are demanded by considerations of economic viability. This matter, along-with other labour related issues, was considered by a bipartite committee under the chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam, constituted to formulate specific proposals for the new Industrial Relations law. Based on the recommendations of the Ramanujam Committee and deliberations held thereon in various forums and after considering the Report of the Inter Ministerial Group on Industrial Restructuring, specific proposals are being formulated to create an environment conducive to industrial harmony and economic-growth.

बिहार में कृषि कर्मकारों को न्यूनतम वेतन तथा अन्य सुविधाओं से वंचित रखा जाना

4352. **श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि बिहार के ग्रामीण इलाकों में कृषि कर्मकारों को न्यूनतम वेतन तथा अन्य सुविधाओं से वंचित रखा जाता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार बिहार मे कृषि कर्मकारों को न्यूनतम वेतन के भुगतान को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Persons registered with the Employment Exchanges in Delhi

4353. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of persons registered with the employment exchanges in Delhi for the post of clerks, typists, stenotypists and engineers/trade-wise as on 1st March, 1993 and 1st March, 1994 ;

(b) the number of persons who have qualified in type-writing and shorthand tests conducted by the Employment Exchanges as on 1st April, 1994 and those sponsored to various offices/organisations for employment during 1993-94; and

(c) how many of them actually got employment during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Discrimination against women workers in country

4354. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent World Bank Re-